

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Garrick Maenle, et al.

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For: CYTOLOGICAL AUTOFOCUSING  
IMAGING SYSTEMS AND  
METHODS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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**Response under 37 CFR 1.116  
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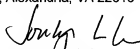
Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a), Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, which, if entered, will place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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